have been explored in Rajasthan and to what extent our dependence on foreign countries would come down;

(b) the total consumption in the country at present and the proportion of import and domestic production thereof out of it; and

(c) to what extent the production of petroleum products has increased during the one year in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The Operator, M/s. Cairn Energy India (Pvt.) Ltd., has made discoveries at prospect "H" and prospect "E" in the Rajasthan block RJ-ON-90/1. the initial inplace reserves estimated by the Operator in these prospects are about 35 million Metric Tonnes (MMT). In the normal course, discoveries are appraised and a techno-economic assessment carried out to determine the commerciality of a discovery. This is followed by formulation of the development plan, including oil/gas production profile. Any reduction in imports would depend upon the actual production from the block.

(b) the Consumption of petroleum products during the year 2002-03 is estimated at about 103.289 MMT. the crude oil processing requirement of the country for the year 2002-03 is estimated to be 110.561 MMT and the extent of indigenous dry crude oil available for processing is 26.5%.

(c) The production of petroleum products is estimated to increase by 4.343 MMT during the current year over last year actual (2001-02).

Setting up of electronic libraries

†1344. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up electronic library network in villages to provide reading resources without much expenditure on books;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) the measures Government are taking or propose to take to boost the library movement in the country; and

(d) by when the above plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) The Department of Culture would give a push to the modernization of central and public libraries in the country in accordance with the objectives of the Tenth Plan. As part of this programme, the major libraries such as National Library, Kolkata and Central Secrearíat Library, Delhi have already initiated the work for creating the electronic resource base of the existing holdings. These electronic databases would be made available to the public libraries throughout the country for easy access and dissemination of available resources in the country. The public libraries at the state, district and village levels would be the main beneficiaries as they would then be in a position to access the resources available in the central libraries for the use of general public. The said project of retro-conversion of existing catalogues in the National Library and Central Secretariat Library is anticipated to be completed during the Tenth Plan.

Alleged irregularities in foreign offices

†1345. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item published in 'Rashtriya Sahara', New Delhi edition dated the 14th January, 2003 under the caption "paryatan Mantralaya Ke London Karyalaya Mein Lakhon Ka Ghotala";

(b) if so, the facts of the said case;

(c) whether Government have constituted any Committee to conduct an enquiry in the said case; and

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